



MEMORANDUM

TO: Marc Ott, City Manager

FROM: Greg Canally, Deputy Chief Financial Officer

DATE: October 16, 2008

SUBJECT: Land Development Code Amendments

Item # 40 on the October 16, 2008 Council Agenda is to approve a resolution directing the City Manager to initiate Land Development Code amendments to prohibit the demolition by neglect of historic properties, revise the vote requirements for Historic Landmark Commission historic zoning recommendation, revise Historic Landmark Commission review of requested demolition permits and zoning, clarify the Historic Preservation Officer's authority to administratively approve minor projects in National Register Historic Districts, provide that the Land Use Commission considers applications to designate or modify a historic district; and to clarify City Code Section 11-1-22 regarding property tax exemptions for historic landmarks; to further direct the City Manager to identify potential funding sources for an update of the city's historic preservation survey; and to further direct the City Manager to return with a contract for the survey for Council's consideration on or before April 16, 2009.

Staff from the Neighborhood Planning and Zoning Department (NPZD) will be available to work on this item. Initiating the code amendments to the Land Development Code will be completed using current staff and resources.

It should be noted that an estimated cost for updating the existing historic preservation survey, including the inventory of City-owned properties eligible for historic designation, is unknown at this time and there is no current funding identified for implementation. When the scope of the plan is determined, the details of the plan, including any potential fiscal and staffing impact, will be reported to Council.